

TRIUMPH DINNER OF BUILDERS

KEEP FAITH IS THE ADVICE OTTO M. EIDLITZ GIVES THEREAT.

Well Even Give Labor the Benefit of the Doubt, When There Is One—Hint of the Power the Employers Can Field If Need Be—Loving Cup Given to Otto M. Eidlitz.

The Building Trades Employers' Association had its first annual dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria last night. There were present 400 men prominent in every line of the building industry.

The dinner was held in the large ballroom. There was much rejoicing among the members of the association over the prospective settlement of the present strikes, but the feature of the dinner was the speech by Otto M. Eidlitz, president of the association, in which, after referring to the victory that had been won for arbitration, he warned the employers against the misuse of their power, and said that if they should err at all in keeping to agreements it should be on the side of labor.

A big loving cup was presented to Mr. Eidlitz on behalf of the members of the association as a reward for his labors for the building industry. The presentation speech was made by John L. Downey of the Townsend-Downey Shipbuilding Company. In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Eidlitz said that it was difficult for him to express the appreciation he felt.

Then he went on to say: "The work which started last year has been both labor and love to me. What must be done is to make an agreement as employers we must stick to it, always doing justice to the laborer, and when any question arises give the benefit of it to the laborer. We will then make labor feel that we are making the right conditions."

"We thank the Providence that what seemed like a demonstration of power that would have been made as never before in this country has not been necessary. Through the efforts of many working vigilantly during the past few days we have been able to vindicate the arbitration plan of handling the labor question. I thank all for the assistance rendered the arbitration board. It would have been impossible to have brought this settlement about without the help of the members sitting at this table. As to this testimonial I am speechless."

When Mr. Eidlitz finished the builders got on their feet and made a racket that could be heard all through the corridors downstairs. The only other speeches were by Mr. Downey and by John L. Downey. They were both congratulatory of Otto Eidlitz's work.

The dinner was rather costly, as dinners go. The vaudeville performance alone, which the diners enjoyed at the specialties, cost more than \$700.

Those at the head table with Otto Eidlitz were: Richard H. Deves, Charles A. Darmstadt, Hugh Gatty, William K. Fertig, Leonard K. Prince, R. J. Jaffray, Benjamin D. Trel, Robert G. G. Suter, A. E. Peilham, D. W. Amiel and John Beattie.

For some reason which was not explained, and about which a great deal of talk was found by the members, the committee in charge of the dinner refused to allow members under strict instructions of secrecy. They refused to amend this rule in any way, although many of the members declared that the remarks made by Mr. Eidlitz and others should have had the widest publicity in the interests of the association.

VOLUNTARY ARBITRATION.

Bishop Spalding Favors Bill for Such Settlement of Labor Disputes.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Bishop Spalding, one of the members of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission, was quoted by the Associated Press as follows: "I am in favor of the committee on labor, which had under consideration the Foss bill to provide for voluntary arbitration of disputes between capital and labor. He strongly favored the measure. He declared that the bill, if enacted into law, would inspire the confidence of the public, owing to the high character of the men who would be appointed by the President."

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PANAMA STRIKE KEEPS UP.

Delays Steamship Traffic Seriously—Canal Commission Received Formally.

Special cable dispatch to THE SUN.

PANAMA, April 6.—The striking railway employees are still holding out to enforce their demand for the payment of \$3 for an eight-hour day. Traffic is interrupted in consequence, and the steamers here and at Colon are unable to get cargoes. The situation is serious, but there has been no violence.

The members of the Canal Commission, who arrived yesterday, were received officially this morning.

HEARING ON EIGHT-HOUR BILL.

Gompers Appeals to Senators to Report It Favorably.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The Senate Committee on Education and Labor concluded its hearing on the Eight Hour bill today, the session being consumed by the argument of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in favor of the bill.

Mr. Gompers said that the bill was the product of the mind of Representative Gardner of New Jersey and not of his or of any other person connected with the American Federation of Labor. He referred to the accusation that the proposed legislation was un-American and said that such a charge was sufficiently refuted by the fact that in numerous speeches and public statements two Presidents of the United States had favored it, the House of Representatives had three times reported it to the upper house.

"I want to say to you," said Mr. Gompers, "that the American workmen, even though unorganized, want a shorter workday. We think the organizations of labor through their representatives are earnestly, enthusiastically and universally in favor of its passage. They have been disappointed at the reports that we have been compelled to give them of its failure, and I appeal to you, Senators, that we may not be disappointed again; that you will favorably report the pending measure."

SWAYNE IMPEACHMENT CASE.

The House Will Postpone Its Consideration Until Dec. 15.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The Republican leaders have agreed upon a programme which will dispose of the Swaine impeachment case so far as this session of Congress is concerned, and the plans for an early adjournment will not, therefore, be overturned by its consideration. This will be accomplished by the House fixing a date next December for consideration of the impeachment charges, and the motion will be taken in the House to-morrow by Mr. Palmer (Rep., Pa.), who made the majority in favor of impeachment.

Both Mr. Palmer and Mr. Powers of Massachusetts, the two Republicans who introduced the bill, are in favor of the House's action in voting for impeachment, will support the motion, as will the rest of the Republicans in the House. The Democrats will vote against postponement.

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS.

Senate Agrees to Amendment Fixing Salaries at \$720 a Year.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The Senate resumed consideration today of the Post Office Appropriation bill. It agreed to the committee amendment regarding the duties of rural mail carriers and fixing the salary at \$720 per annum, and added this proviso:

"That said carriers may carry merchandise for and deliver newspapers, magazines and other periodicals for and upon the request of patrons thereof, and that the Postmaster General may, under the same shall not interfere with the proper discharge of their duties, but that under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe, and not otherwise, he may deliver or take orders or subscriptions for any merchandise, newspaper, periodical or other matter, by mail route, subject to the laws of the United States and the regulations of the Postmaster General."

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Joyous Leave-Taking of Joey Holcroft Sends Two of the Gang Out to Sea.

JOEY Holcroft left Second avenue for the County Louth yesterday morning. The event so overwhelmed some of Joey's boon companions that they narrowly escaped being carried to Queenstown with him in the Oceanic's steerage.

Mrs. Holcroft, Joey's hard-working mother, is a servant in the family of William De Bar of 140 Willow street, Brooklyn. Since her son quit his job with the Adams Express Company last winter because of Joey's lack of room on the corner hasn't sharpened his appetite for labor. Mrs. Holcroft thought the boy needed a change of air and saved her wages to send him home to his aunts and uncles in Dunlora, County Louth, whence she brought him here eight years ago.

When Mrs. Holcroft reached New York she established the boy with his uncle Meehan at 225 East Twentieth street and started to start him for him. She has been steadily at it ever since, but Joey's labors have been intermittent.

The gang's hangout on the Second avenue corner has had more attraction for him than the shop or home, so when he announced in the back room that the "ole woman" was coming, he started a trip to Ireland the boys laid out to give him a send-off.

The leave-taking was prolonged and joyous, and so copious was the flow of merriment during the days of anticipation that word went round the neighborhood that Joey had gone good. Joey, however, was not so sure of himself. He was in increasing figures, \$38,000 was high-water mark.

The gang escorted young Holcroft down to the White Star pier in force. They were devoted and of frequent pauses, and Dunny Murphy and Billy Moore gave him a happy over his head, but he couldn't break away from him to go down the gang-plank with the rest when the last warning sounded.

When the Oceanic was well down the river Murphy tried to hold up a steward who was carrying round beef into the steerage, thus calling attention to the fact that he and Moore were not passengers. Off went the steamer hauled an inbound tug and the two were lowered aboard. Safe against the back of the room yesterday afternoon, they couldn't remember much about it, except that Joey was a fine lad.

Three Things to Make Her Wed Him.

William Leonard was arraigned before Police Justice Higgins in the First Criminal Court, Jersey City, yesterday, on complaint of Mrs. Elizabeth Winters of 205 Grand street, who said he threw knives and crockery at her because she wouldn't marry him. Leonard was fined \$10.

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